

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*To speak of God the Father as “the Father of mercies” is to say that he is the one who multiplies compassionate mercies to his needful, wayward, messy, fallen, wandering people.*  
(Ortlund)

### God Calls Us to Worship Him

#### **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 63.1-4*

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

**People: My flesh faints for you,  
As in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
Beholding your power and glory.

**People: Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
My lips will praise you.**

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live;  
In your name I will lift up my hands.

#### **Prayer of Invocation**

#### **Hymn of Praise:** *Father, Again in Jesus’ Name We Meet Trinity #380*

### God Cleanses Us by His Grace

#### **Conviction of the Gospel:** *John 5.19*

So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

#### **Confession of Sin**

#### **Comfort of the Gospel:** *John 5.24*

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

### God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

#### **Hymn of Thanksgiving: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous mystery / In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven’s praises / Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness / Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended / Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery / He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering / Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam / Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment / Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery / Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners / Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption / See the Father’s plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory / Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery / Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e’er restrain Him / Praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance/ How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected / As we will be when he comes

#### **Recognition of Deacon Emeritus:** *Freddie Russell*

#### **Hymn of Meditation:** *Psalm 61*

Hear my cry, O Lord; attend unto my prayer,  
From the end of the earth, I will cry unto Thee.

**Chorus**  
*When my heart is overwhelmed, Lead me to the Rock.  
Lead me to the Rock that’s higher than I.*

For thou has been a shelter for me,  
And a strong tower from the enemy. **Chorus**

I will abide in Thy tabernacle forever.  
I will trust in the covert of Thy wings. **Chorus**

So will I sing praise unto Thy name forever  
That I may daily perform on my vows. **Chorus**

Lead me to the Rock that’s higher  
Lead me to the Rock that’s higher  
Lead me to the Rock that’s higher than I

#### **Prayer of Intercession:** *The Lord’s Prayer*

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*\*Children dismissed to Little Church*

### God Counsels Us through His Word

#### **Scripture Reading:** *Luke 2.41-52*

#### **Sermon:** *Did You Not Know?*

### God Commissions Us to Serve Him

#### **Creed:** *The Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **Hymn of Response:** *Father of Mercies, in Your Word Trinity Hymnal #144*

#### **Benediction:** *Numbers 6.24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.